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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PROJECT TO ASSIST MINISTRY OF FINANCE
TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CENTER

1. TREASURY IS RECRUITING THREE-MAN TEAM TO COME TO SAUDI ARABIA FOLLOWING EID HOLIDAYS TO CARRY OUT PHASE I OF TWO-PHASE PROPOSAL TO ASSIST MFNE IN ESTABLISHING INFORMATION CENTER. REQUEST EMBASSY'S APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF PROJECT AND ANY COMMENT YOU MAY WISH TO OFFER ON 'SCOPE OF WORK' DOCUMENT WHICH FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY (MFNE) PLANS TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMATION CENTER WITHIN THE MINISTRY WHICH WILL BE A REPOSITORY FOR DATA AND FILES IN ECONOMICS, FINANCE, STATISTICS, COMMERCE, INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES, TRANSPORTATION, MARKETING, ECONOMICS, TRADE, AND RELATED AREAS. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE MATERIALS TO OTHER MINISTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND BE A SOURCE OF INFORMATION DISSEMINATION TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, PARTICULARLY TO POTENTIAL DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN INVESTORS IN

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SAUDI ARABIA.

THE CENTER WILL CONTAIN BASIC FILES AND A LIBRARY OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS IN THE DISCIPLINES NOTED ABOVE. IT WILL

MAINTAIN A CLEARING HOUSE SERVICE IN MATERIALS AND PUBLICATIONS FROM OVERSEAS ON A CURRENT BASIS. MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH INTERNAL USE WITHIN THE MINISTRY AS WELL AS FOR OTHER MINISTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS.

THE CENTER WILL MAINTAIN UP-TO-DATE FILMS AND VARIOUS AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS THAT CAN BE LOANED TO OTHER GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES OR CAN BE USED FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT, MATERIALS WILL BE IN BOTH ARABIC AND ENGLISH.

INFORMATION AT THE CENTER WILL BE CLASSIFIED AND CROSS-CLASSIFIED WITH AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL.

THE CENTER WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION, INCLUDING STATISTICS, FROM ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES. WHERE THERE ARE INFORMATIONAL GAPS, THE CONCERNED MINISTRY OR AGENCY WILL BE REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR INFORMATION AND DATA DEVELOPMENT, AS APPROPRIATE. ALSO, THE CENTER WILL SEEK TO CLOSE INTERNATIONAL DATA GAPS BY OBTAINING, THROUGH PURCHASE OR OTHERWISE, THE NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR THE CENTER TO PROPERLY SERVE ITS CLIENTELE.

PHASE I

AN INITIAL TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF AN ECONOMIST, A MEDIA SPECIALIST AND A LIBRARIAN WILL BE RECRUITED FOR A SIX WEEK ASSIGNMENT TO THE MINISTRY. THEY WILL WORK WITH A TEAM SELECTED BY THE MFNE TO DO THE NECESSARY PREPARATORY ANALYSES. THE TEAM SHOULD BE IN SAUDI ARABIA BY OCTOBER 1.

THE US TEAM WILL UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING:

1) SURVEY THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE BOTH WITHIN THE MFNE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND IN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS THAT WOULD LIKELY BE INCLUDED IN THE CENTER;

2) DETERMINE THE WORK REQUIREMENTS INVOLVED IN CLASSIFYING THE INFORMATION AND PUTTING IT IN USEFUL FORM;

3) WORK WITH MFNE STAFF TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF INFORMATION GAPS AND A PLAN FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION

NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE;

4) WORK WITH MFNE PERSONNEL TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR DISPLAY AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION;

5) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CENTER, AND THE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER FACILITIES REQUIRED; THIS WILL INCLUDE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATICS FOR NECESSARY FACILITIES CHANGES AND A SPECIFIC EQUIPMENTS LIST;

6) PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON STAFFING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTER;

7) PREPARE ALTERNATIVE BUDGETS BASED UPON VOLUME OF INFORMATION TO BE CLASSIFIED, STORED, AND MADE AVAILABLE; THE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES REQUIRED; THE TYPE OF SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CENTER; AND STAFFING NEEDS.

PHASE II

ONCE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE CENTER, A SECOND PHASE TO FOLLOW QUICKLY WILL INVOLVE MAKING THE CENTER OPERATIONAL INCLUDING NECESSARY A & E AND CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT. ON THE BASIS OF ANALYSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS STEMMING FROM THE CONCLUSION OF PHASE I, SELECTED OUTSIDE PERSONNEL WILL BE RECRUITED TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING THE CENTER.

IF POSSIBLE, BOTH PHASE I AND PHASE II SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE SAME ORGANIZATION TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLETION OF THE CENTER. IF THIS IS NOT FEASIBLE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO IMPLEMENT PHASE II THROUGH A SEPARATE CONTRACT. END QUOTE.

3. TREASURY FORESEES TWO PRINCIPAL WAYS OF IMPLEMENTING PROJECT:

A. U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OR A PRIVATE FIRM MAKE QUICK WINDSHIELD SURVEY (PHASE I) TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOLLOWED BY NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH NON-PROFIT OR PROFIT-MAKING INSTITUTIONS OR COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH PROFIT-MAKING INSTITUTION FOR PHASE II.

B. U.S. GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION, OR PRIVATE FIRM OR UNIVERSITY UNDER NEGOTIATED CONTRACT, TO ESTABLISH SCOPE OF PROJECT IN PHASE I AND TO CONTINUE ON UNTIL COMPLETION

OF WORK IN PHASE II.

BASIC DECISION ON IMPLEMENTATION MADE BY OSAA WITH ASSIST-
ANCE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM USREP, DR. STURT.

3.FYI, THIS PROJECT IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH A SEPARATE

REQUEST FROM DR. AL-TURKI, WHICH TREASURY IS ALSO
CONSIDERING, WHEREBY TREASURY WILL ASSIST IN DETERMINING
JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR ECONOMIC EXPERTS FOR WHICH JEC HAS
BEEN APPROACHED FOR RECRUITING ASSISTANCE. THESE REQUESTS,
THOUGH SEPARATE, SHOULD BE VIEWED AS RELATED AND INDICATIVE
OF AN MFNE DESIRE TO IMPROVE ITS ANALYTIC AND INFORMATIONAL
CAPABILITIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO ASSIST IN
DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION CENTER. KISSINGER

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